

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF CROSSLAKE  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1997  
1:00 P.M. - CITY HALL

The Council for the City of Crosslake met in a special session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Thursday, September 4, 1997. Present at the meeting was Mayor Robert Scott, Donna Keiffer, Charles Miller, Raymond Smyth and Richard Upton. Also present was City Administrator Thomas Swenson and Deputy Clerk Darlene Roach. There was one individual in the audience.

Mayor Scott called the meeting to order by stating that the purpose of the meeting was to consider the budget for 1998 along with other items.

MOTION 09S-01-97 WAS MADE BY CHUCK MILLER AND SECONDED BY DICK UPTON TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,720.40 AS SUBMITTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Scott turned the meeting over to City Administrator Tom Swenson who proceeded to review changes that had been made in the preliminary budget as a result of the first budget meeting held on August 26, 1997. Tom Swenson commented that in 1996 the amount of HACA and TIF Excess to be received by the City should have been deducted from the gross levy prior to submission to the County Auditor. This was not done, so the result is a \$52,000 shortfall in the tax dollars coming into the City in 1997. However, because the true-up money was not included in the budget, the money received from Crosslake Telephone and Cable Company will offset some of the shortfall.

The amount of HACA to be received in 1998 is \$87,234 compared to \$51,677 in 1997. Tom Swenson stated that he has been working with Kevin Larson at the Telephone Company in regards to the amount of true-up the City can expect in 1998. Tom indicated that the City should receive a minimum of \$50,000. Councilmember Ray Smyth suggested that the City Administrator write a letter to Kevin Larson stating that \$50,000 is being put in the budget for 1998 as a low estimate.

Rob Larson informed the Council that the total cost of the fencing for the ball field was \$15,470. A total of \$11,000 has been raised in donations, however, a shortfall of \$4,000 in donations will require that the City pay the balance. Rob requested that Park Dedication Funds be used to pay for the fencing and if additional money is donated the fund will be repaid.

MOTION 09S-02-97 WAS MADE BY CHUCK MILLER AND SECONDED BY DONNA KEIFFER THAT THE BALANCE OF THE FENCE BE PAID FOR OUT OF PARK DEDICATION FUNDS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Dick Upton commended Rob Larson on his skills in obtaining donations.

It was agreed that income from the sale of lots in Gendreau Addition will go into the Capital Improvement Fund.

The Council reviewed each area of the budget for possible reductions. Since the first budget meeting of August 26, 1997, decreases were made in the following departments: Police Department from \$257,554 to \$255,454; Fire Department from \$117,824 to \$107,054; Public Works from \$363,100 to \$358,100; and Park and Recreation from \$131,904 to \$120,404. With these changes, expenditures total \$1,352,446. Estimated revenues, excluding the tax levy of \$697,204, total \$655,242 which is an increase of \$74,530 over 1997. Total projected revenues equal \$1,352,446. The preliminary levy will be presented for approval at the September 7, 1997 Regular Council Meeting.

MOTION 09S-03-97 WAS MADE BY RAY SMYTH AND SECONDED BY DONNA KEIFFER TO ADJOURN THIS SPECIAL MEETING AT 3:22 P.M. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Recorded and transcribed by:



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Deputy Clerk